Production of Rapeseed and Mustard Oilseeds

393. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set and achieved in the production of rapeseed and mustard oilseeds during the last three .years;

(b) whether Government are making any efforts to increase the production of rapeseed and mustard oilseed to achieve self-sufficiency;

(c) if so, by when the country is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in the rapeseed and mustard oil; and

(d) the details of the projections made for the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The targets fixed and achievement made in the production of rapseed-mustard during the last three years are as under:—

(in lakh tonne)

Year	Target	Achieve-ment
1985-86	26.20	26 8 0
1986-87	33.86	26 0 5
1987-88	36.46	33 7

(b) to (d) In order to increase the production of oilseeds including rape-seed-mustard in the country, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in major oilseeds including rapeseed-musfard growing States. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to the States for critical inputs like quality seed, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, :arge sized demonstrations etc., in order to induce the farmers to take up the cultivation of rapeseed-mustard on large scale to accelerate self-sufficiency in oilseeds in the country.

Demand projection for edible and non-edible oils in the country is not calculated on the basis of individual oil. But it is calculated on the basis of availability of different oils as a whole in the country. However, the production target fixed for rape-seed-mustard (seed) for the terminal year of Seventh Plan i.e. 1989-90 is 38.2 lakh tonnes.

Coconut Production

394. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are suitable for coconut production;

(b) whether any experiment: has been made to grow coconut trees along the sea coast of Orissa and Gujarat;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to grow coconut trees on large scale along Gujarat sea coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) The States suitable for coconut production are Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Assam, Tripura, Bihar Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Goa Gujarat and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.

(b) to (d) Coconut Development Board under the area expansion c-